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GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PAGE ONE LAND EXCHANGE

PAGE, AZ Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Kitty L. Roberts today announced the availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Page One Land Exchange. The FONSI was issued subsequent to the EA that was completed to insure protection of the recreation area purpose and its values.

The EA analyzed the effects of the land exchange authorized in PL 108-43 between the National Park Service and Page One LLC. Congress authorized the exchange of approximately 312.5 acres of land within Glen Canyon NRA that are visually isolated from the rest of the recreation area and are not accessible to the public for approximately 122.93 privately-owned acres that lie east of Highway 89 within the scenic view of all visitors entering the recreation area from Utah. This private land has power, water and access to Highway 89. The exchange would stop any possible future development on the private land and protect the scenic values of the recreation area for future generations. This EA addressed two alternatives: No Action (no exchange) or the Proposed Action (proceed with the exchange). One comment was received during the public review process which was in favor of the proposed land exchange.

With the environmental assessment and associated compliance completed, the Page One Land Exchange will proceed according to procedures established by the National Park Service.

The FONSI and Final EA are available on the park website at <a href="www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm">www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm</a> or copies may be obtained by writing to Superintendent, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Page Land Exchange EA, POB 1507, Page, AZ 86040.

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